(e) and (f) Category-wise sanctioned strength of VFJ is as under:—

Category	Sanctioned Strength	Existing Strength
Group 'A'	83	63
Group 'B'	149	122
Non-Gazetted Officer	1060	730
Non-Industrial Employees	1272	1013
Industrial Employees	7467	3866

Vacancies are being filled up in accordance with Government Policy on Annual Direct Recruitment Plan.

Joint Development of 5th Generation Fighter Plane with Russia

889. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the agreement which India and Russia have signed recently for joint development of a futuristic '5th generation' fighter plane;

(b) which design has been chosen in this crucial project;

(c) will these '5th generation' fighter be in addition to India's existing inventory or will they replace the '4th generation' machines; and

(d) will this involve major changes in the training module of our pilots who are presently flying the 4th generation fighter planes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) An Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) signed between the Indian and Russian Government on 18th October, 2007 envisages co-operation in:

Joint development and certification of a Prospective Multi-role Fighter (PMF); Preparation and set up of the fighter serial production; Joint production and sale of the fighter; Joint marketing in third countries etc.

(b) The fighter will be designed and developed in accordance with the technical requirements of Russian Air Force and Indian Air Force.

(c) PMF will replace aircraft which would be phased out by that time.

(d) The training pattern of aircrew and ground crew will be tailored specifically for the effective induction and operationalisation of PMF.

Infiltration through sea routes

890. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) will the Hon'ble Defence Minister kindly recall his recent statement in Parliament that there are intelligence reports about terrorists of various groups being trained and the likelihood of the infiltration through sea routes; and